(v) State Governments/Union Territories have been advised to see that the interests of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are safeguarded while implementing the Scheme of Non-Formal Education.

(vi) The following steps have been taken to promote Adult Education in Orissa:—

(1) 19 Rural Functional Literacy Projects (RFLPs) with 5700 centres are functioning in the State.

(2) 1800 centres are also functioning under the State Audlt Education Projects (SAEPs).

(3) The State was sanctioned grant for preparing 60,000 literacy kits for use by student volunteers under Mass Programme for Functional Literacy (MPFL).

(4) A grant of Rs. 18.00 lakhs has been released under Special Component Plan (SCP) and Rs. 74.70 lakhs under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) during 1987-88.

(5) 19 voluntary Agencies have been sanctioned a total grant of Rs. 28.68 lakhs for running 990 Adult Education Centres.

(6) In this year a total enrolment of 2.86 lakh persons has been reported (upto December, 1987).

Fresh plan for Adult Literacy

*412. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a fresh plan for adult literacy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Government has formulated a comprehensive programme known as "National Literacy Mission" with the objective to impart functional literacy to 80 million illiterate persons in 15—35 age-group-30 million by 1990 and additional 50 million by 1995.

The strategies proposed to be adopted for implementation of National Literacy Mission (NLM) include the following:—

(i) Motivation centred programmes will be designed, with special care in regard to their form and content inputs. The programme will be linked with skill development and economic activities, health related issues, recreational and cultural activities. Attractive learning teaching material will be provided. Dedicated and well-trained instructors will be deployed. Improved learning atmosphere and arrangements for continuing education will be ensured.

(ii) Systematic efforts will be made to secure people's participation through media and communication, creation of local level participatory structures, taking out of Jatthas, training of cadres of youth, etc.

(iii) Involvement of voluntary agencies for spread of the programme, for training and technical resource development, experimentation and innovation etc. will be significantly increased. Diverse methods will be employed for identification of suitable agencies and procedures of financial assistance will be streamlined.

(iv) Existing programmes will be continued but their quality will be improved by application of proven Science and Technology inputs, better supervision, suitable training, pedagogical innovations, etc.

(v) Mass Programme of functional literacy will be launched with the help of youth, teachers, students, members of disciplined forces, ex-servicemen, prison staff, housewives, employers, trade unions, etc.

(vi) Post-literacy and continuing education will be institutionalised through establishment of Jana Shikshan Nilayams. Better use will be made of ex-

isting institutional facilities to enlarge the scope of adult education.

(vii) The structure of technical resource development at the national, state as well as district levels will ensure that material of good quality become widely available.

(viii) Technology demonstration will be undertaken in 40 districts for development, transfer and application of techno-pedagogic inputs. The results will be evaluated for application beyond 40 districts.

(ix) An effective Mission Management System will be established.

(x) A computerised management information system will be instituted to ensure reliable and steady flow of information needed for improvement in management at all levels.

Teaching aids for primary schools

*413. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Educational Research and Training has prepared a kit of essential teaching aids for the country's primary schools;

(b) if so, what are the details of the aid kit; and

(c) whether it is the same for the rural and urban areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The National Council of Educational Research and Training has prepared a science kit for use in primary schools. This science kit is one of the items of essential facilities envisaged for primary schools.

(c) The essential facilities envisaged for primary schools are the same for rural and urban primary schools.

All India Entrance Examination for medical colleges in the country

*414. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Competitive Entrance Examination for Medical Colleges is likely to be held in May this year;

(b) if so, what are the details indicating the names of the centres and the number of candidates appearing;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that this system is likely to do great injustice to the students from rural and backward areas; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) In pursuance of the directions of the Supreme Court, the Central Board of Secondary Education shall conduct an All India Entrance Examination for admission to Pre-Medical|Pre-Dental Courses on the 22nd May, 1988 for 15 per cent of the total number of MBBS|BDS seats.

(b) A list of the cities where the examination will be conducted is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See* below) Approximately 76,000 candidates have applied for the examination.

(c) No injustice is likely to be caused to such students.

(d) Does not arise.

List of cities where all-India pre-medical|pre-dental Entrance Examinations will be conducted

Code No.		*Code No.*	
1.	Port Blair	6.	Delhi
2.	Itanagar	7.	Panaji
3.	Guwahati	8.	Ahmedabad
4.	Patna	9.	Shimla
5.	Chandigarh	10.	Bangalore